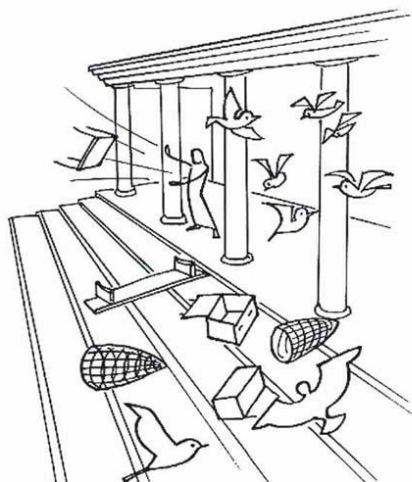




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*

**March 8th, 2015**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**



## **It's Time for Spring Cleaning**

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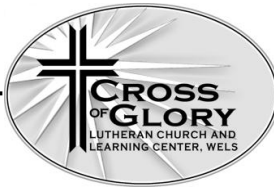
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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

**Holy Communion:** We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

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## GATHERING RITE FOR LENT

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**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.** *(spoken)*

**Refrain (Sung by choir and then repeated by congregation):**



**Choir:** *A Son to shine in our darkness, a light to cast out despair. He comes to take away evil, and in his light we have life!*

**Refrain (sung by congregation)**

**Choir:** *And ev'ryone who believes will have eternal life. Lord, lifted up, we come to you with wonder, thanks and praise.*

**Refrain (sung by congregation)**

**M:** As we prepare to celebrate the wonder of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.** *(spoken)*

**Choir:** *Do not live in fear. Called to life, arise! Turn away from sin. O come, Lord, enter in.*

**Refrain x 2 (sung by congregation)**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



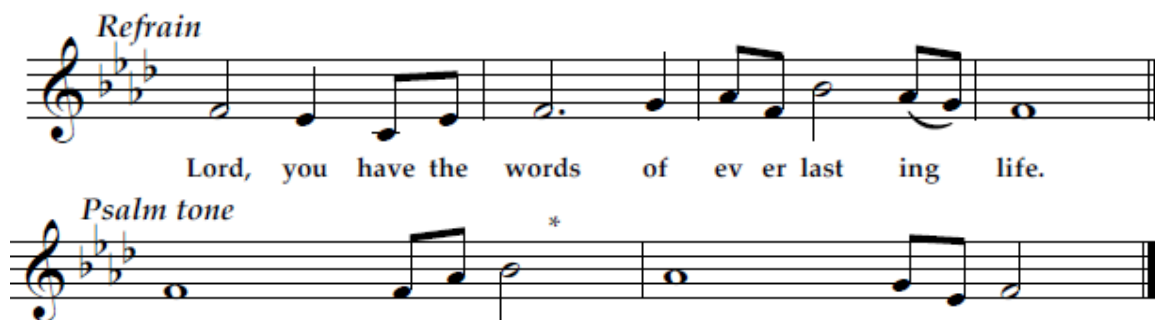
*BE SEATED*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Exodus 20:1-17

*And God spoke all these words:<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me."<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below."<sup>5</sup> "You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,"<sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."<sup>7</sup> "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."<sup>9</sup> "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,"<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates."<sup>11</sup> "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."<sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder."<sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery."<sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal."<sup>16</sup> "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."<sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

### PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 19



**M:** The heavens declare the glo'ry of God; \*  
**C:** the skies proclaim the work 'of his hand.

**M:** Their voice goes out into ‘all the earth, \*  
**C:** their words to the ends ‘of the world.

**Refrain**

**M:** The law of the LORD is ‘perfect, \*  
**C:** giving joy ‘to the heart.

**M:** The commands of the LORD are ‘radiant, \*  
**C:** giving light ‘to the eyes.

**M:** They are more pre’cious than gold; \*  
**C:** they are sweeter than ‘honey.

**M:** By them is your ‘servant taught; \*  
**C:** in keeping them there is ‘great reward.

**Refrain**

**M:** My the words of my mouth and meditation ‘of my heart \*  
**C:** be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re’deemer.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and ‘to the Son \*  
and to the Holy ‘Spirit,  
as it was in the be’ginning, \*  
is now and will be forever. ‘Amen.

**Refrain**

**SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

*Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.*

**THE VERSE OF THE DAY.....John 3:14-15**

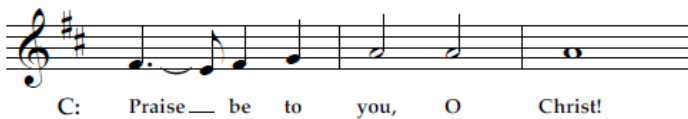
**M:** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

**GOSPEL.....John 2:13-22**

*When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.<sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables*

exchanging money.<sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.<sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"<sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."<sup>18</sup> Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."<sup>20</sup> The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"<sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body.<sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**HYMN OF THE DAY.....Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go (#456)**

**SERMON ON JOHN 2:13-22: "It's Time for Spring Cleaning"**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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# THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

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## OFFERING

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C:** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C:** **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C:** **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## THE SACRAMENT

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**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

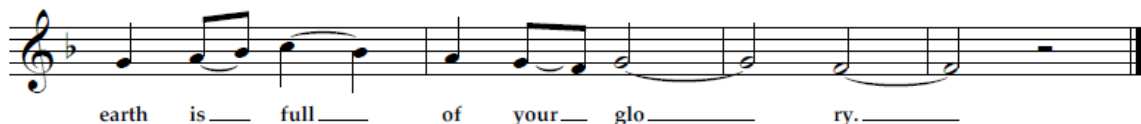
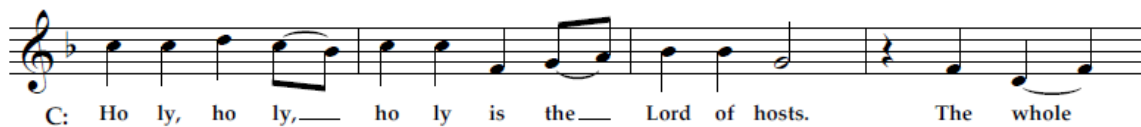


**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

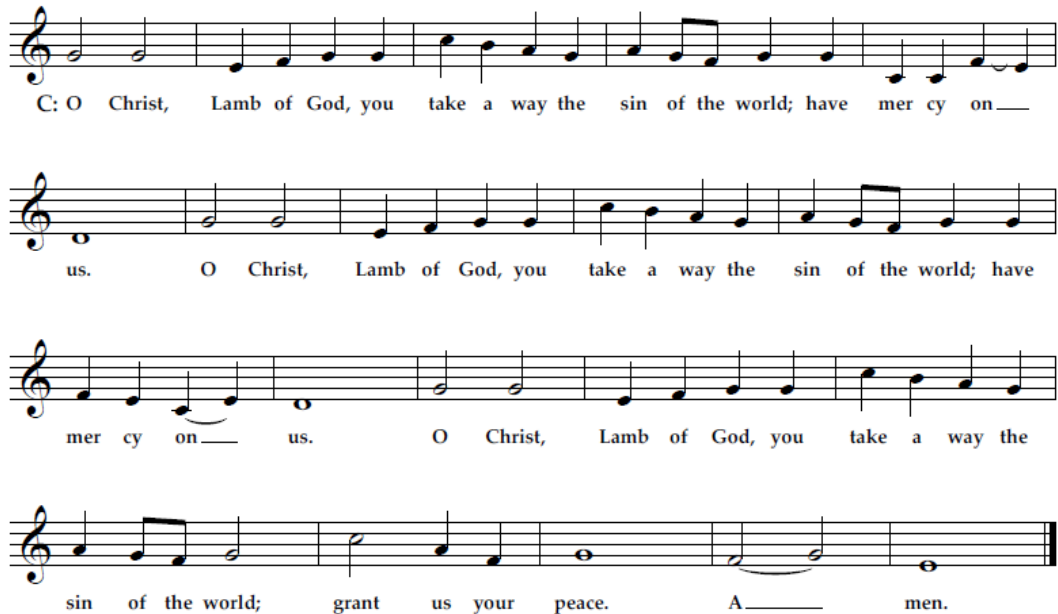
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A\_\_\_\_\_ men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on—  
us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have  
mer cy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A— men.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee (CW # 316)

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### CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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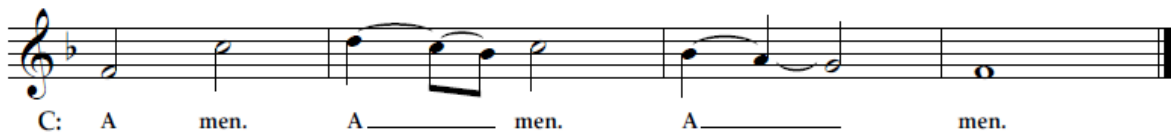
**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A— men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN.....Drawn to the Cross (#387)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

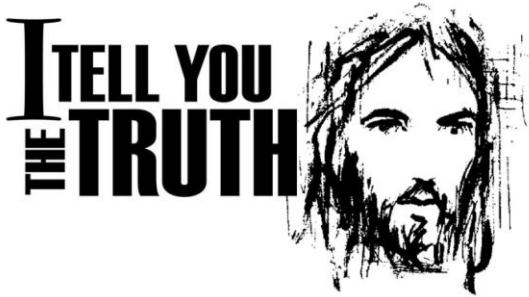
**MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday’s Attendance : Worship: 42; Communion: 29.  
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund -\$1494.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday (3/9):	Pastors Circuit Meeting at Saving Grace in Mobile, AL
Wednesday (3/11):	10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel
	5:30 p.m. Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship
Friday (3/13):	6:30 p.m. Western Front Bible Study
Sunday (3/15):	9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting

## **LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS**



On Wednesdays in Lent, we have soup suppers starting at 5:30 and an evening prayer service at 6:30. Our theme for our services this year is "I Tell You the Truth." Each service will focus on one of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building statements, highlighted in the Scripture by the words, "I tell you the truth."

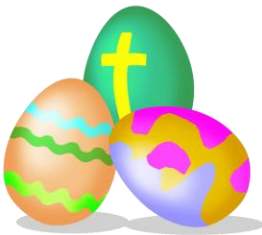
Mar. 4th - "Fruits of faith will be remembered."

Mar. 11th - "One of you will betray me."

Mar. 18th - "You will disown me."

Mar. 25th - "If one dies, it produces life for many."

## **EASTER FOR KIDS ON MARCH 28TH**



Our annual Easter for Kids event will be held on Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30 - Noon. There will be music, crafts, Bible story and an egg hunt. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities for our members (a sign up sheet is in the church). This is a great event for children to come and bring a friend (or two)!